

Table 3.A1.—Black lung benefits: Number of beneficiaries, average monthly amount, and monthly amount in current–payment status, 1970–2000 ¹

Year and month	Number				Average monthly amount			Monthly amount (in thousands)		
	Total	Miners	Widows	Dependents ²	Total	Miners ³	Widows ⁴	Total	Miners ³	Widows ⁴
December:										
1970	111,976	43,921	24,889	43,166	\$181.90	\$200.10	\$149.80	\$12,500	\$8,800	\$3,700
1980	399,477	120,235	146,603	132,639	342.50	406.10	290.40	91,400	48,800	42,600
1985	294,846	77,836	138,328	78,682	387.00	474.30	337.80	83,700	36,900	46,800
1986	275,783	70,253	135,033	70,497	384.30	474.00	337.60	78,900	33,300	45,600
1987	258,988	63,573	131,561	63,854	393.60	488.70	347.60	76,800	31,100	45,700
1988	241,626	56,977	127,322	57,327	398.80	499.10	353.80	73,500	28,400	45,100
1989	225,764	51,048	123,220	51,496	412.90	520.90	368.10	72,000	26,600	45,400
1990	210,678	45,643	118,705	46,330	425.90	541.10	381.60	70,000	24,700	45,300
1991	196,419	40,703	114,046	41,670	442.10	565.80	398.00	68,400	23,000	45,400
1992	182,396	35,971	109,091	37,334	458.90	593.00	414.60	66,500	21,300	45,200
1993	168,365	31,664	103,334	33,367	474.50	619.30	430.20	64,100	19,600	44,500
1994	155,172	27,828	97,414	29,930	483.90	638.70	439.70	60,600	17,800	42,800
1995	143,011	24,573	91,517	26,921	483.20	644.40	439.90	56,100	15,800	40,300
1996	131,143	21,477	85,559	24,107	491.70	663.80	448.50	52,600	14,200	38,400
1997	119,233	18,488	79,238	21,507	479.69	597.70	452.16	49,255	11,050	38,204
1998	109,271	15,964	73,420	19,887	487.93	611.10	462.96	46,204	9,755	36,448
1999	98,977	13,635	67,359	17,983	501.21	629.09	477.20	43,225	8,577	34,648
1999										
March	106,130	15,247	71,632	19,251	502.38	629.43	477.19	46,295	9,596	36,698
June	103,715	14,651	70,117	18,947	502.00	629.63	477.19	45,192	9,224	35,967
September.....	101,270	14,159	68,739	18,372	501.53	628.97	477.14	44,212	8,905	35,306
December	98,977	13,635	67,359	17,983	501.21	629.09	477.20	43,225	8,577	34,648
2000										
March	95,979	12,970	65,595	17,414	519.81	652.86	495.45	43,558	8,467	35,091

¹ Benefits payable under Part B of the Black Lung program established by the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. Beginning Oct. 1, 1997, responsibility for maintenance and payment of Part B benefits was transferred from the Social Security Administration (SSA) to the Department of Labor (DOL); SSA, however, maintains responsibility for conducting formal hearings necessary to resolve contested issues with regard to Part B claims. Benefits under Part C (generally claims arising July 1, 1973 and later) are also administered by the DOL but are not included here.

² Includes wives of living miners, divorced wives, children, and dependent brothers and sisters of miners.

³ Includes benefits for wives and children.

⁴ Includes benefits for surviving children, brothers, sisters, and divorced wives. Prior to December 1997, monthly payments for surviving children were included with payments to miners.